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YESTERDAY'S PRIMARY.

The Democratic primary election held yesterday was the close of the dull legislative primary campaign ever known in this city, and it cannot be wondered at that the total vote cast was not larger.

There was no opposition to the senatorial candidate, and only seven names were presented for the five seats in the House of Delegates.

In so far as the liquor question entered into the consideration of voters the result was a victory for the opponents of the Mann law, but the subject was not discussed at public meetings, or through the newspapers; it was a "tail hunt," except that Mr. Christian, in published cards, warned his friends that he had become the object of attack because of his support of that measure.

The number of labor men voting was moderate; but what per centum of their total vote, compared with that of other classes, absented themselves from the polls we are unable to say. It is generally supposed that the absenteeism of so many of them was, in a sense, an echo of the late street car strike.

Our information is that the number of "kicks" against the viva voce system of voting was trifling, and that, too, though many voters came to the polls so ill informed that they asked where was the booth they were to enter to prepare their ballots. However, yesterday was not the first time by a good deal that the open ballot has been used in Democratic primaries here.

Yesterday's election was fair and square so far as we are informed, and the nominations made, therefore, stand as the judgment of the party. The candidates who have won success are all well known Democrats. Among them are men of decided ability, and we may count upon them all to do their duty to the people with hearty good will.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Some of the newspapers are telling Senator Carmack that it is dangerous for him to inaugurate a campaign in favor of the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment. He is warned by one of them that "it is good policy to let a sleeping dog lie," while the Boston Advertiser tells him that "the Southern States may disfranchise the negro and the North be silent, but when it comes to a campaign to magnify this silence into a speech of approval, Northern antipathies are at once aroused."

It may not be good policy for a Southern man to start this agitation, but it is clearly the duty of the people of the United States to take the question up at the first opportunity and face it like men. The position of the Boston Advertiser, or rather the position in which it puts the North, is contemptible. If the North thinks that the South is wrong in the way it is dealing with the negro vote it ought not to be "silently tolerant." It ought to protest, and insist upon a strict enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment. And the North would do it if it did not know that it is the Fifteenth Amendment and not the South that is wrong.

Everybody knows that as an original proposition that amendment would not pass in half a dozen States of the Union to-day. Everybody knows that it was conceived in hatred and adopted by the bayonet, and its erosion is a political necessity. Everybody knows that it is a dead letter, yet for a pretense, the North wants it to remain as a part of the Constitution. This is a base hypocrisy, and unworthy of the nation. The Fifteenth Amendment has outlived its day. It is a sham, and it is a blot upon our organic law, and it ought to be summarily repealed.

MR. BRYAN'S EXPLANATION

The Commover of last issue explains Mr. Bryan's attitude towards the candidacy of Mr. Clarke, of Ohio. It says that the gold papers have rushed to the conclusion that Mr. Bryan ought to advocate the nomination of a Cleveland Democrat for the Presidency merely because he has urged Ohio Democrats to support Mr. Clarke for the Senate, but adds that such a conclusion is unwarranted. Our contemporary then proceeds to point out in seven different columns the difference between supporting Clarke, who has already been nominated, and advocating the nomination of Cleveland or a "Cleveland Democrat." But suppose we give the contrasts in their order, as Mr. Bryan himself has outlined them, for they are instructive. Here they are:

First—Mr. Clarke is running on the Kansas City platform, while the Cleveland

and Democrats propose to repudiate that platform.

Second—Mr. Clarke heartily endorses all of that platform except one plank, while the Cleveland Democrats do not heartily endorse any considerable part of it.

Third—Mr. Clarke showed himself willing to risk the enforcement of all the platform by giving active support to the ticket in 1900, while most of the Cleveland Democrats preferred a gold standard candidate to a bimetallic republic.

Fourth—Mr. Bryan, after hearing Mr. Clarke and talking with him, was convinced that he is in sympathy with the people and opposed to the plutocracy tendencies of the Republican party, while the Cleveland Democrats are, as a rule, more plutocratic than the average Republican leaders.

Fifth—Mr. Bryan was also convinced that Mr. Clarke is sound on all the issues of the money question, and that his sympathies will lead him to the right side of the money battle of the money question.

Sixth—Even if Mr. Clarke were, all wrong on the money question, his vote could only injure the party in case there was a close vote on that question, while a Cleveland Democrat in the White House could do the party irreparable harm by throwing the influence of the administration against the party's position at all times.

No. 7 is not of public interest, and need not be reproduced. In summing it all up, Mr. Bryan says that a Republican victory in Ohio would not help the Democratic party in the nation, and adds:

"But for the reasons above given, it ought to be clear to any sensible man that the support of a Clarke legislative ticket does not commit one to the advocacy or even to the toleration of a Cleveland Democrat for the Democratic presidential nomination."

So far so good. But Mr. Bryan does not touch on the most important phase of the question. He fails to say whether or not, in case a "Cleveland Democrat" should be nominated for the Presidency, he will support such a nominee and advise his followers to do so. It seems to us, however, that in giving his support to Mr. Clarke he has committed himself irrevocably to the nominee of the next National Democratic Convention, even though such nominee should be a "Cleveland Democrat."

The main argument which Mr. Bryan brings to bear is that a Republican victory in Ohio would not help the Democratic party in the nation. A fortiori a Republican victory in the nation would not help the Democratic party in the nation. In short, Mr. Bryan argues that it is expedient for Democrats to stand by the ticket. In short, Mr. Bryan argues in favor of party regularity.

THE SENSE OF HUMOR.

One of the "charges" which Mr. Jerome, of New York, has brought against Mayor Low is that he has no sense of humor. It may seem to some little sort of ridiculous to urge this as a defect in a man's make-up, but there is something in the "charge." Life is in great part serious, and the serious affairs of life are to be dealt with in a serious way. But there is also a humorous side, and funny things must not be treated seriously. Humorous things are humorously discerned, and the man who has no sense of humor does not know a joke when he sees it. Therefore, he is apt to treat jokes seriously, and in so doing make a monkey of himself. Jokes have a way of masquerading, and sometimes they have been known to deceive the whole world. Knight errantry had degenerated into a joke of the most ridiculous stripe, but it continued to deceive the people of the day and might have continued to prance around seriously on fiery steeds, had not Cervantes been endowed with a sense of humor. But he saw the joke, and exposed it, and caused the world to laugh at the chivalry out of existence.

Mr. Jerome is on the right track. We know not whether or not the "charge" which he brings against Mayor Low is true. But it is a fact that the Mayor of New York ought to have a sense of humor—a "keen sense of humor," as we usually say—for there are many phases of New York life, social, political and religious, which none but a humorous man is competent to deal with intelligently and effectively. What could be funnier, for example, than the rantings of some of the political puppeteers of Gotham; the dissensions of some of the mugwump journals on "reform" and the "negro question"; the Democracy of Tammany, or the carryings-on of the 400? Yet these puppeteers and the Tammany society and the 400 all take themselves seriously, or pretend to do so, and try to impress themselves upon the public. And they would succeed were there no modern Cervantes to tear away the mask and expose the joke.

Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, is eighty years of age, and is in remarkably good health. We are told that his step is firm, his eyes bright and that his voice does not falter. He has just returned to Montgomery from the Virginia springs. In response to questions put to him by a newspaper man of that city, Mr. Morgan is quoted as saying it is all guesswork who will be next year's presidential nominee. Said he:

President Roosevelt must pass through the ordeal of another Congress with the big fellows and the little fellows jumping on him. He is not popular with the masses of the people like Clay or Cleveland were. By that time Clay or Cleveland would take it as a personal defeat if he were nominated and beaten. As a Democrat I hope to see him nominated by the Republicans.

Senator Morgan declined to discuss his personal life, the isthmian canal.

"In recent months," he said, "I have steadfastly refused to give my views on that subject to the newspapers. One thing is certain," he added, and his gaze glided to the city hall, "that if I am elected as the President can be made by Congress to do its duty; or if the people can make Congress do its duty in forcing the President to do his duty."

As we stated some days ago, Mr. L. H. Shaffer, the acknowledged tobacco expert of the United States Department of Agriculture, has tendered his resignation, his purpose being to engage in the culture of high grade Cuban leaf tobacco in Eastern Texas.

Mr. Shaffer has made many experiments with Cuban leaf, and is satisfied "that the finest tobacco in the world can be grown in Texas." He is quoted as saying:

"There is no doubt in my mind that

Texas will shortly become a rival even of Cuba and Sumatra for the growing of the highest types of cigar tobaccos. The government tests which were conducted here demonstrate that the soil and climate of East Texas are practically identical with those of the famous Rio, Cuba. The rich, chocolate loamy soil is the same, and, as in Cuba, the atmosphere is affected by the Gulf clouds and the morning fogs and dews, all of which combine to impart that delicious aromatic quality which so strongly characterizes the tobacco leaf of Pinar del Rio.

George Brinton McClellan, who is slated for Tammany's nomination for Mayor of New York, is a son of General McClellan, and was born in Dresden, Saxony, where his father and mother were on a visit at the time. He was graduated from Princeton, and has been in politics ten years. In person he is short and stout and he is bright and cheery. He is but thirty-eight years old, and is said to look five years younger.

The Nashville American, after calmly reviewing the field, concludes that Mr. John Temple Graves, while an eloquent and loyal Southerner, has not done the South any good by discussing the race question before hostile audiences. That may be, but he has gotten his name and his eloquence squarely before the lecture agencies.

Just as a sample, this will do from the Springfield, Mass., Republican: "Imagine some one, in an oration on the San Juan battle forty years hence, forgetting to mention Colonel Roosevelt and the rough riders. This might actually happen, judging by last week's Antietam episode."

Louisiana's next nominations will be made at a State primary, and the Senate of Alabama has just passed a bill legalizing primaries in that State. Every candidate will be permitted to have a watcher in each voting booth on election day.

Just what young McClellan's political status had to do with the failure to mention the name of the elder McClellan's at Shaysburg will probably be brought out in the press.

Carlisle, Pa., is in the midst of an anti-awarding crusade, but why there should be so much excitement over it we do not know.

With the cool wave on hand, summer travelers back home, and the country merchants coming to town, Richmond's fall trade is looming up in great shape.

Very even tempered and unexciting kind of a primary was that of yesterday in this city.

It begins to feel like Thanksgiving weather, and the Legislature is to meet in about six weeks, too.

We are soon to have an idea of South Carolina's ideal justice. The Jim Tillman trial is on.

All missives to Postmaster-General Payne suggestive of his resignation are sent to the dead letter office.

If you haven't a horse to exhibit at the Horse Show just show yourself.

The horses are not the only beauties getting ready for the Horse Show.

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Concord Tribune, speaking of a former North Carolinian, says: Dr. Len. G. Broughton has been called to Boston, and it is thought that he will accept. The church he is called to serve is the largest Baptist Church in the city. Dr. Broughton can warms the people of Boston and he may be depended on melting away some of the ice around the "Hub."

The Winston-Salem Sentinel says: To their credit be it said that the Southern governors are doing all in their power to prevent lynching. Dispatches state that yesterday the Governor of North Carolina ordered troops at Tarboro to protect a raid from the mob and that similar action was taken by the Governor of Georgia to save a negro at Rome.

The Wilmington Messenger editorially notes the following: At a recent term of the Superior Court, Judge Bryan sent six white men and four negroes to the chain gang. That county has just established a bond for manacled negroes. It makes a pretty good start in the matter of a public road improvement force.

The Durham Herald is a little encouraged. It says: We are a little ahead of South Carolina in that we have taken in two negroes and influential citizens in the penitentiary.

The Raleigh News-Observer says: Every citizen of Raleigh will rejoice to learn that the board of county commissioners have recognized the mistake they made in ordering a reduction of the tax levy for the city schools, and that they so promptly rectified the error. For a man to admit that he is wrong yesterday is but to show that he is wiser to-day.

With a Comment or Two.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "Don't weep too freely over the reports of murders and wars in the South. They are padded." It is hard to believe that 20,000 persons were massacred at Kasteria, whether Turks or belonging to other nations, do not believe in the holy reverence—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Speculation has been playing with the names of Senator Quaker and General Jackson as possibilities for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee. This is a serious matter, and the name of Senator Hanna will be recommended by the New York Post.

A supposition that is groundless. Mr. Hanna is not one of the retiring kind.

Speaking of luck, how about that firm that bought the bulk of an old wreck at auction, and found 40,000 worth of oil in it? The oil was found in a barrel. That's all.

Those who condemn the Maryland war platform should condemn the cause, as well as the effect. Two years ago, when President Harrison was elected, a platform had been adopted as a joke or an evidence of political lunacy—Albany Argus.

But since then we have had Charleston and Indianapolis incidents.

Remarks About Richmond.

Fredericksburg Star: An effort is on foot in Richmond to induce Captain George D. Wise to become a candidate for the mayoralty of the city. If he should consent he would make a vigorous canvasser, and if elected would make a good mayor.

Newport News Times-Herald: The list of candidates for the mayoralty of Richmond reads like the usual batch of "advertised letters" from the post-office.

Newport News Times-Herald: A Richmond man has found a mad dog, and has offered a reward of \$100 for its capture. It is a mad dog, but so far no volunteers have come forward.

Trend of Thought
In Dixie Land

Augusta Chronicle: The cotton mills are obliged to come to the cotton fields for labor. The mills are crowded, and it will be wise to let them into competition with New England mills that have to pay transportation charges from the South on raw cotton instead of increasing the competition among the mills already here by putting in a second sort of machinery they now operate.

Mobile Register: Maryland Democrats are in a desperate straits, and a determination that is maintained with less publicity, but none the less firmly all over this republic, that this is the white man's country, earned by his prowess, utilized and developed by his talent, and so it shall remain.

Louisville Herald: A remarkable and gratifying proof of Southern industrial progress is furnished by cotton mill statistics. The Northern cotton mills took or acquired last year 1,067,831 bales; the actual consumption of the Southern cotton was but 36.9 per cent. of the cotton used by all the cotton mills of the Union. Now it is 55.42 per cent.

Nashville American: The fact that Senator Gorman does not stand with that hardly any of the members had should not operate to his disadvantage as a presidential possibility. Objection to Judge Parker emanates from the same source. Why defeated seems to be opposed to every man of respectable threshold who would have a ghost of a chance.

Savannah News: Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, announces that at the next session of Congress he will introduce in the Senate a bill to repeal the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution. He says he will precipitate among the politicians at the capital a useless and fruitless, but acrimonious, discussion of the negro problem. There is no more to be said. Congress will vote to repeal the amendment than there is of the moon sending down a shower of greenbacks. The result is that they would follow the introduction of such a proposition would be a lot of intemperate talk and a less kindly feeling between the races.

Personal and General.

Stuart Robson's personal estate has just been appraised and it is found that he left about \$100,000 in cash, and was pretty much in cash in bank.

Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, writer of many books, has just celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday on Milton Hill, near Boston, Mass.

Pierpont Morgan is very regular in his church attendance and invariably passes his Sunday evenings in singing hymns, but is characteristically arbitrary in his selection.

Former United States Senator James K. Polk, of Oregon, has just died in Washington at the age of 81. He was a native of Center county, Pa., and graduated at Princeton in the class of 1833.

Second Lieutenant Crispulo Patajo, of the Philippine scouts, the first of the natives of Luzon to wear the uniform of the United States army, has arrived in San Francisco from Manila on the transport Sherman.

A statue of Colonel Josias R. King, of St. Paul, said to be the first to volunteer for service in the Civil War, will surmount the monument to the soldiers of the Minnesota, which will be erected in Summit Park, St. Paul.

Dr. William J. Holland, director of the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, has returned from Europe, bringing with him the valuable paleontological collections of the Baron de Brist.

A Few Foreign Facts.

Not more than 2,500 persons in Paris have a capital as much as \$200,000 and nearly one-third of those are foreigners.

Pietro Carboni has given \$200,000 to found a sanatorium for the tuberculous in Rome. In memory of his two sons, who died of tuberculosis.

Of the world's hay crop the United States grows 28,000,000 pounds. This is about half as much as Germany, and two-thirds as much as England.

Germany owns 10,220 miles of telegraph cable, or one-twenty-fourth of the entire system of the world, while Great Britain owns two-thirds of the total mileage.

The aborigines of Peru can, in the darkest night, see the thickest woods, and distinguish respectively a white man, a negro and one of their own race by the smell.

Two eminent physicians in the Royal College of Surgeons, under the cancer research fund, have been authorized to make up a booklet containing the results of their investigations of that disease wholly undisturbed for six months.

R. L. Broadbent, of the Geological Survey of Canada, has been authorized by the Government to arrange the Dominion mineral exhibits to be sent to the direction of Mr. William Hutchinson, Dominion Commissioner of Exhibitions.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Too Old.

A three-gallon jug of whiskey distilled in 1803 by the grandfather of Colonel Dick Alexander, of the 101st Infantry, was opened on October 20th, when the Colonel will entertain a party of intimate friends. This century-old liquor, it is said, is the oldest in the United States.

Where Was the Conductor?

The climax of barbarity at weddings was reached at Marion, Ind., when a recently wedded couple were surrounded by their precious friends and handcuffed together, and left on the train with a deafening bang. They traveled seventy-five miles that way.

Notables on Deck.

Some citizens of notable name took part in a law suit which was recently brought before Judge who presided was Franklin Pierce Alexander, the plaintiff was Daniel Webster Arlow, two of the witnesses were Ulysses Grant Goff and Andrew Jackson, counsel for the defense were John B. Felt and George Washington Vickers, while the plaintiff was represented by Jesse James Dunn.

The Ancient Sages.

"After all," it is the wise man who can give an opinion.

"But the wisest men simply can't do it."

"Because they've been dead for years."

—Philadelphia Press.

Pause and Think.

The real courage displayed by Harry Lee in denouncing the lack of a tariff at Newport does not become apparent until you pause to reflect how green and rash Harry was at the time. He is a strict vegetarian.—Kansas City Star.

Danville Social Clubs.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: The Danville social clubs in session in Danville recently and quite a number of prearrangements were made after several days of discussion. It has been proven beyond a shadow of doubt (if one on oath must be believed) by a large number of old-time drinkers that

The New
Leather

which in a few days will establish its fame wherever civilized man wears shoes. Can you be seen in shoes by this label—

THIS SHOE IS MADE OF
GALVANIZED LEATHER
PATENTED

Small leather makes heavy shoes soft, light shoes strong. Made of Galvanized leather, cow hide. Write for book "How to buy shoes."

Wool Process
The National Leather Company, Philadelphia.

about town, that Danville is a dry city; they stated on oath that they had no idea where any ardent spirits could be obtained, other than at the three social clubs of the city. I venture to say that such citizens as enjoyed the exalted privilege of membership in these clubs were permitted to enjoy them in peace, and with the exception of the Danville and Virginia—were presented for violation of the Mann social club law.

Two of these clubs—the Danville and Virginia—were presented for violation of the Mann social club law. The hearing was before Judge Ackers, on September 24th, on the question of revoking their charters granted by his court.

It was proven by a number of witnesses that a very large majority of the members of the two clubs indicted had obtained their membership by those operating the clubs placing the necessary amount in their hands to pay the membership fee of ten or twelve dollars. The master of dues of a dollar per month from each member was an indebtedness to the club, which the members had ever heard of, to say nothing of paying, as required by the Mann law.

These clubs have evaded the law in many ways, to an extent that their claim of operating according to the intent of requirements of them under the established law is a mere pretense. I venture to say that the two clubs with a combined membership of about two hundred, could not establish the fact that they paid with the requirement of paying a fee themselves to become members. I doubt if as much as five hundred dollars in membership fees has been paid into the two clubs that are enjoying a membership which would require an investment of ten thousand dollars or more.

It is understood that the furniture in one of these social clubs consisted in a few chairs, a table and a few bales of hay. The members of one of them enter their social club by an alley about four feet wide, which leads to the rear or side entrance to a bar-room, which has an extension prior to the local option election; the other is over some stores on the Old Market, place in rear of room used by the social club. The entrance to this club is by way of the most uninviting stairway. There is nothing that the members of the social club can do to get out of the club but to go out the back door, which is a narrow alley about four feet wide, which leads to the rear or side entrance to a bar-room, which has an extension prior to the local option election; the other is over some stores on the Old Market, place in rear of room used by the social club. The entrance to this club is by way of the most uninviting stairway. 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